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Water Well Project Construction

The Water Well Project construction continues. Two wells have been drilled and tested. The wells both have exceptional water quality and both wells were determined to be able to produce more water than originally anticipated. The next stage is the water plant portion, which includes a 126,000-gallon water storage tank, a large pressure tank, chlorinating station and several large pumps. The water plant site construction contract has already been awarded and construction will begin shortly. The third phase of construction is the construction of a pipeline to bring the water from the well sites to the city. The cost of the pipeline was over budget and the city council asked the Texas Water Development Board for additional funds to complete the project. The funds were awarded to the city on February 25 and the contract for the pipeline will be issued at the next city council meeting.

Kosse Medical Clinic Construction to Begin

At the February meeting, the City Council voted to award the bid for the new Kosse Medical Clinic to Champco, Inc. out of College Station. The bid was in the amount of \$395,255, which is under the amount of funds available from the grant for the construction of the building. Construction will begin in mid-March and will take approximately 6 months. Once construction is complete, Limestone Medical Center will move their equipment into the facility and should open in short order. The clinic will provide many services to local residents including wellness exams, physicals, immunizations, primary care visits, pediatrics, sleep study, geriatrics and walk in medical care needs. The city of Kosse is extremely proud to have this partnership with the Limestone Medical Center to care for the citizens of Kosse.

Election May 4, 2019

The City Council ordered a general election for May 4. On the ballot will be two city council seats along with two propositions. One proposition is voting on a measure to increase the street maintenance sales tax by 1/8th of one percent. This increase will be for city street maintenance and repair. The second proposition is voting on a measure to increase the economic development sales tax by 1/8th of one percent. This increase will provide the Kosse Economic Development more funds to increase the economic development within the City of Kosse. If the propositions pass, the sales tax rate will be 8.25%, which is consistent with most areas in Texas. The current sales tax rate in Kosse is 8.00%. The increase would split one fourth of one cent between the street maintenance fund and the economic development fund.

Meet the Candidate

There are 5 Kosse citizens running for two City Council seats. The candidates include incumbents Patrica Roy and Jimmy Pate and challengers Brooks Valls, Sandra Baldwin and Dana Taylor. In order to "get to know" the candidates that are running for these seats, the City of Kosse will host a "Meet the Candidate Night". The event will take place at the Kosse Community Center on April 11th at 6:30 pm. If you have a question for the candidates, drop it off at the city office, or email to cityofkosse@gmail.com. Because of time, all questions may not be asked. We will have a short question session at the end from audience members if time allows. Come out and support the democratic process!!!

Volunteers

The Kosse Community Center is dedicated to making Kosse a better place to live. We are always looking for volunteers for dances, events such as Homecoming and other activities to benefit Kosse. If you have time and want to get involved, please come out to the Community Center meeting or call Brooks Valls at 832-773-8361. The meetings are usually following the City Council meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

Dumpster

If you are going to be doing some spring cleaning, the City has a dumpster that is brought in free of charge every 3 months. The dumpster will be back the first week of May. Please do not place paint, tires or batteries inside the dumpster. Also, if it is full please do not place items next to the dumpster. It will be dumped the beginning of every month.

Speed Limit Awareness

We would like to ask the citizens of Kosse to please have a family discussion on the speed limits through our city streets. Many of the speedsters seem to be young drivers, please remind them the limit through city streets is 25 mph.

Fire Department ISO Rating

Big shout out to Jimmy Oneal and all of the Kosse firefighters. The ISO rate for the city has been upgraded again to a 4 out of 10. This is an exceptional rating for a volunteer fire department and is the lowest ISO rating in the county. ISO rating is used by insurance companies to measure the risk assessment for insurance and adjust their rates. The lower the ISO rating, the lower the cost of insurance. If you need a copy of the ISO rating for your insurance company, you can obtain it at city hall. The Kosse Fire Department and the city of Kosse have put a lot of work into obtaining an excellent ISO rating for the people of Kosse.

Trash Service

The City's current trash service Waste Connections will be transferring their contract to Frontier Waste; a company that can better serve Kosse's needs. Tim Henderson, representative of Frontier Waste, is familiar with the area, assured the City no conditions or contract terms will change. The trash service will still run on Thursday's. You can still put extra trash next to the can every week. Also, remember to have your trash sat out before 7 am.

Spring Festival April 13th & Fiddle Festival

The Kosse Community Center is bringing back the Spring Festival! Mark your calendar for April 13th at 8 am. It will be a day full of fun with cake walk, vendor booths, talent show to crown Miss and Mr. Kosse, food, and games. If you want to set up a booth or enter the talent show please contact the City Office. The Kosse Fiddle Festival presented by The Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association will follow the Spring Festival from 3:30pm to 7:30 pm. Fiddlers from around the state will compete for cash prizes. A great day of fun for Kosse!

Kosse Tire Shop Location

The owner of the tire shop, Alfredo Venegas, is building a new tire and oil-changing shop on Highway 7. It's a really nice and a convenient location. Alfredo has been doing business in Kosse for many years. The Tire Shop will do tire repairs and will be adding additional automotive services at the new location.

Trout Fishing in Kosse

The Texas Parks & Wildlife recently stocked the Kosse City Park with hundreds of trout. This was able to happen through a cost-share program with the City. We hope that everyone enjoys them, please take notice of the regulated signs that were posted in order to be in compliance with all TPWD rules & regulations, Happy Fishing!!

Questions or Concerns

The City of Kosse is dedicated to serving the people of Kosse and improving the quality of life for all. If you have any questions or concerns about policies, information or just want something cleared up, please feel free to stop by the city hall at any time. You may also call ahead and schedule a meeting with the mayor at any time. We are all dedicated to serving you and providing you with information and understanding. Questions, comments or concerns may also be emailed to mayoreno.kosse@gmail.com. You may also ask questions or for explanation on the city of Kosse facebook page. We will do our best to provide you with any information you need.

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